

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

City of Gainesville Registry of Protected Public Places Ordinance #080567

Phase I Property Listing

The purpose of this document is to provide registration notification to the citizens of Gainesville. City of Gainesville Ordinance #080567, which pertains to the protection of City-owned lands acquired or used for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes, states that a registry will be created for the purpose of identifying fee-simple properties owned by the City of Gainesville that are deemed to be worthy of the highest level of protection. When listed on the registry, said properties may not be sold or converted to a use that will result in a loss of value for which the property was placed on the registry, except by a majority vote of the electors in a city-wide election. Staff evaluated city-owned properties and deemed the following conservation and/or recreation lands to be worthy of this level of protection. Below are the properties to be registered during this Phase I listing process. A location map and acquisition plans for each property can be found in the Appendix.

Name: 29th Road Nature Park
 Location: 1502 NW 29th Rd
 Acreage: 6 acres
 Parcel Number(s): 09002-003-000
 City LU/ZON: CON/CON
 Management Plan: Greenway Master Plan
 Description: Located in the upper Hogtown Creek basin, this park features upland mixed forest, slope forest, and bottomland forest along the banks of Hogtown Creek. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.
 Legal Description: COM 2065.14 FT N & 438.77 FT W OF SE CORPOB RUN W 390.59 FT TO CREEK S 63 DEG W 160.38 FT TO NW 29TH RD S 21 DEG E 278.72 FT S 54 DEG E 90.75 FT S 82 DEG E 95.70 FT N 78 DEG E 32.39 FT N 276.75 FT E 242.14 FT N 80 FT TO POB LESS COMAT POB DESC ABOVE S 80 FT POB W 240.87 FT N 3 FT E 240.87 FT S 3 FT POB OR 2023/2409) ALSO FOREST PARK FARMSPB C-46 PART OF LOT 11 ALSO MAGNOLIA PARK PB C-58 LOT 12 BK 1 OR 2023/0661

Name: Alfred A. Ring Park
 Location: 1801 NW 23rd Blvd
 Acreage: 22 acres
 Parcel Number(s): 09013-000-000
 City LU/ZON: CON/CON
 Management Plan: Individual and Greenway Master Plan

Description: Located along the upper reaches of Hogtown Creek, this park features upland mixed forest and slope forest. The confluence of Glenn Springs Run and Hogtown Creek also occur within this park. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding, there are specific deed restrictions regarding land use, and it has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.

Legal Description: COM SW COR OF NW1/4 OF SEC E ALONG C/L OF NW 16TH AVE 2044.10 FT N 30 DEG E 58 FT TO N R/W OF SAID NW 16TH AVE TO POBN 30 DEG E 611.41 FT N 12 DEG E 200.06 FT N 23 DEG E 496.68 FT N 144.74 FT N 35 DEG E 432.85 FT N 37 DEG E 450 FTM/L TO C/L OF GLEN SPRINGS RUN SLY ALONG C/L TO INT WITH C/L HOGTOWN CREEK SLY TO N R/W NW 16TH AVE W ALONG R/W TOPOB ALSO COM 161.02 FT W OF NE COR OF NW1/4 S 320 FT 43 DEG 52 MIN E 490 FT S 52 DEG 24 MIN E 209.02 FT S 37 DEG 35MIN W 166.18 FT S 35 DEG 40 MIN W 291.78FT N 43 DEG 52 MIN W 462.99 FT N 835.88 FT E 86.34 FT POB ALSO COM NE COR OFNW1/4 POB W 161.02 FT S 320 FT S 42 DEG E 490 FT S 52 DEG E 159.02 FT S 52 DEG E 80 FT N 37 DEG W 248.36 FTN 60 DEG W 80.65 FT N 60 DEG W 3.38 FT NWLY ALG GLEN SPRINGS CREEK TO INT ON N LINE OF SEC W 70.24 FT POB AKAPARCELS 3 & 4 PER SURVEY H GREEN APR "71SEE SURVEY FOR DETAILED DESC OR 921/815 OR 1582/1953 OR 1582/2146 OR 1583/0950& OR 1756/0912

Name: Bivens Arm Nature Park

Location: 3650 S. Main St

Acreage: 81 acres

Parcel Number(s): 15699-060-001

City LU/ZON: CON/CON

Management Plan: Individual

Description: Located along Tumblin' and East Tumblin' Creek, this park features a series of wetlands and creeks bordered by upland mixed forests. This park also connects the southernmost Gainesville creeks with Paynes Prairie State Preserve. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FRDAP grant funding, there are specific deed restrictions regarding land use, and it has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.

Legal Description: D L CLINCH GRT COM 133.25 FT S OF SW CORLOT 4 MILLER PLAT POB S 68 DEG E 1473.35FT N 371.63 FT ELY 957.62 FT TO SR-S-329SWLY ALONG R/W 1487.49 FT W 92.26 FT SWLY 100.05 FT WLY 722.58 FT S 318.20 FTNWLY ALONG SURVEYED LINE PER THISSPECIAL W D IN OR 1364/760 TO A PT ON W LINE GRT BEING S 05 DEG E TO POB N 05 DEG W 794.54 FT TO POB ALSO MSD BK 2 PG48 COM SEC COR LOT 1 KIRKWOOD UNIT 1 PB I PG 33 S 9 DEG W 801 FT POB S 9 DEG W 457.69 FT N 82 DEG W 956.98 FT N 6 DEG W 464.62 FT N 6 DEG W 660.09 FT S 84 DEG W 329.87 FT N 6 DEG W 660.03 FT N 84 DEGE 199.87 FT S 24 DEG E 379.75 FT S 31DEG E 331.93 FT S 66 DEG E 419.35 FT S 77 DEG E 199.37 FT S 9 DEG W 503.94 FT S80 DEG E 545 FT POB ALSO COM NW CORPARCEL 5 MSD BK 2 PG 48 POB N 84 DEG E 63.64 FT S 137.88 FT N 24 DEG W 144.08 FT POB LESS COM NW COR PAR 5 S 24 DEG E144.08 FT POB S 24

DEG E 144.53 FT S 72 DEG W 67.07 FT N 152.12 FT POB OR 1364/ 760 & OR
1456/75 & OR 3035/1213

Name: Broken Arrow Bluff
Location: 5724 SW 46th PI
Acreage: 11 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06909-001-004
City LU/ZON: CON/CON
Management Plan: Greenway Master Plan
Description: Located between Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and the County owned conservation land of Lake Kanapaha, this park features upland mixed forest, sinkhole lakes, and large limerock outcroppings. The wetlands in and around this park connect the surface water to the Floridan aquifer. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.
Legal Description: OAKS OF KANAPAHA UNIT 1 PB M-34 LOTS 1-6& COM SW COR SEC N 2951.24 FT N 1113.37 FT POB N 495.53 FT E 651.35 FT S 717.50FT W 9.19 FT S 73 DEG W 136.28 FT N 74 DEG W 130.43 FT N 35 DEG W 104.21 FT N 57 DEG W 4.26 FT N 66 DEG W 350.32 FT POB FT POB OR 1997/2839

Name: Clear Lake Nature Park
Location: 5480 SW 1st Ave
Acreage: 13 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06539-010-000
City LU/ZON: CON/CON
Management Plan: Greenway Master Plan
Description: Bordering the Sugarfoot Prairie wetlands within the Beville Creek watershed, this park features upland mixed forest and a sinkhole lake, which is connected to the Beville Creek/Clear Lake/Sugarfoot Prairie wetland complex. This complex of wetlands ultimately feeds into the lower reaches of Hogtown Creek, which flow into Haile Sink and feed the Floridan aquifer. This park is proposed for registry listing because it has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.
Legal Description: LOT AS PER DB 361/446 ALSO W 200 FT OF E 530.80 FT OF N 210 FT OF SW1/4 K/A LOT11 ALSO W 200 FT OF E 730.80 FT OF N 210FT OF SW1/4 OR 1617/299 ALSO W 200 FT OF E 930.80 FT OF N 210 FT OF SW1/4 ALSO S 200 FT OF N 460 FT OF E 225 FT OF W465 FT OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 LOT 14 ALSO W 200 FT OF E 1130 FT OF N 200 FT OF SW1/4ALSO N 230 FT OF W 190 FT OF NE1/4 OFSW1/4 ALSO S 215 FT OF N 445 FT OF W 190FT OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 LOT 17 ALSO S 215 FT N 660 FT OF W 190 FT NE1/4 OF SW1/4ALSO S 200 FT OF N 660 FT OF E 225 FT OF W 465 FT OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 LOT 19 ALSO COM 260 FT S & 465 FT E OF NW COROF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 E 225 FT S 300 FT SWLYTO PT 400 FT S OF POB N TO POB ALSO COM 690 FT E & 260 FT S OF NW COR OF NE1/4OF SW1/4 E 375 FT SWLY TO PT 300 FT S OF POB N TO POB LOT 20 OR 1617/299

Name: Cofrin Nature Park
Location: 4810 NW 8th Ave
Acreage: 30 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06375-007-000, 06375-008-000
City LU/ZON: CON, PF/CON, PS
Management Plan: Individual
Description: Located in the heart of urbanized west Gainesville, this park features upland pine and mixed forests, slope forests, and seepage wetlands. Beville Creek traverses the park within its natural bounds. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant and County funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.
Legal Description: (06375-007-000) PLESS PLACE DB 195/230 W 125 FT OF PLOT 7 LESS S 617.5 FT & PLOT 8 LESS S 617.5 FT ALSO LOT 9 OR 2834/1154 (06375-008-000) PLESS PLACE DB 195/230 S 617.5 FT OF PLOT 8 & S 617.5 FT OF W 125 FT OF PLOT 7 & AS PER OR 84/116 & OR 87/967.68 ACRES) OR 2834/1137

Name: Forest Park
Location: SW 20th Ave
Acreage: 24 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06680-007-000
City LU/ZON: RM, CON/RMF6, CON (to be rezoned all CON)
Management Plan: Greenway Master Plan
Description: Located between Split Rock Conservation Area and Sugarfoot Prairie, this park is a key connection within the Beville Creek/Sugarfoot/Hogtown Creek wetland ecosystem. This park features in-tact, mature bottomland swamp along the southern reaches of Hogtown Creek and provides necessary flood protection from the surrounding development. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.
Legal Description: PART OF LOTS 4 5 & 6 PB A-10 S OF CR SW-30 AKA PARCEL B LESS PARCEL B-1 PER SURVEY BY JOHN MEYERS OR 1997/2460

Name: John Mahon Nature Park
Location: 4300 Block W Newberry Rd
Acreage: 10 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06504-010-000
City LU/ZON: SF/RSF1 (to be rezoned all CON)
Management Plan: Individual
Description: Located within the heart of urbanized west Gainesville, this park features upland mixed forest, hydric hammock, seepage wetlands, and former upland pine forest. This park was dedicated to the City in memory of Dr. John Mahon, who worked tirelessly to preserve large areas of Paynes Prairie, San Felasco Hammock, and the Hogtown Creek Greenway as natural public lands. This park is proposed for registry listing because of deed restrictions and the exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types found on this property.

Legal Description: COM NE COR SEC 3-10-19 S 00 DEG 30 MIN 43 SEC W 1590.86 FT WLY 200 FT S 00 DEG 30 MIN 43 SEC W 21.60 FT S 67 DEG 18MIN 20 SEC E 104.17 FT S 70 DEG 11 MIN 20 SEC E 200.29 FT S 67 DEG 20 MIN 17 SEC E 598.21 FT S 00 DEG 13 MIN 43 SEC W 309.94 FT POB N 89 DEG 17 MIN 15 SEC W 232.55 FT N 00 DEG 42 MIN 45 SEC E 231.27 FT N 24 DEG 00 MIN 33 SEC E 85.25FT N 65 DEG 49 MIN 38 SEC W 103.21 FT S 24 DEG 29 MIN 27 SEC W 194.16 FT S 69 DEG 29 MIN 21 SEC W 49.88 FT N 65 DEG 36 MIN 50 SEC W 110.77 FT N 21 DEG 28 MIN 21 SEC W 49.88 FT N 65 36 MIN 50 SEC W 110.77 FT N 21 DEG 28 MIN 33 SEC W 27.38 FT N 67 DEG 20 MIN 17 SEC W 15.58 FT S 67 DEG 39 MIN 43 SEC W 19.14 FT S 22 DEG 39 MIN 43 SEC W 86.49FT N 65 DEG 34 MIN 03 SEC W 49.40 FT N 89 DEG 29 MIN 00 SEC W 387.64 FT S 00 DEG 35 MIN 17 SEC W 64.02 FT S 89 DEG 18 MIN 17 SEC E 185.49 FT S 89 DEG 31 MIN 45 SEC E 185.02 FT S 00 DEG 24 MIN 46 SEC W 573.63 FT S 88 DEG 57 MIN 10 SEC E 657.74 FT N 00 DEG 13 MIN 43 SEC E 479.26 FT POB AKA PARCEL B OR 3073/ 0971

Name: Morningside Nature Center
Location: 3540 E. University Ave
Acreage: 278 acres
Parcel Number(s): 10887-001-000
City LU/ZON: CON/CON
Management Plan: Individual
Description: As one of the City's oldest and premier nature parks, this park features in-tact and mature sandhill, mesic flatwoods, and wetland swamps. This park contains some of the last remaining fire-dependant longleaf pine forest within the City. There is a tremendous diversity of plants and wildlife that reside and utilize this park. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially developed with FRDAP grant funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.

Legal Description: NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 ALSO S 1/2 OF ALSO S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 SEC 35-9-20 MORNINGSIDE PARK LESS R/W PER OR 1026//0755 LSO IN SEC 35-09-20 THE S1/2 OF THE SE1/4

Name: Split Rock Conservation Area
Location: SW 20th Ave
Acreage: 241 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06677-001-000
City LU/ZON: CON/CON
Management Plan: Individual and Greenway Master Plan
Description: Located in the southwest side of Gainesville near Haile Sink, where Hogtown Creek disappears into the Floridan aquifer, this park protects acres of upland pine and hardwood forest, a large sinkhole marsh, and the northern edge of Kanapaha prairie. The unique calcareous hammock and limestone outcroppings within this park are some of the last undeveloped areas remaining within the City. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding and has exemplary examples of the aforementioned habitat types.

Legal Description: THAT PART OF LOTS 3 4 5 6 & 7 PB A-10 LYING E OF CR SW-30 ALSO KNOWN AS PART OF PARCEL C PER SURVEY BY JOHN MEYERSLESS PARCELS C-1 C-1A & D-1 OR 1997/2460 ALSO IN SEC 10-10-19 THAT PT OF LOTS 3 4 5 & 6 PB A-10 LYING W OF I-75 PARCEL KNOWN AS PART OF PARCEL C PER SURVEY BY JOHN MEYERS LESS PARCELS C-1 C-1A D-1) OR 1997/2460

Name: Sugarfoot Prairie
Location: 4415 Clear Lake Rd.
Acreage: 195 acres
Parcel Number(s): 06539-001-000
City LU/ZON: CON, RM/CON, PD, RMF6 (to be rezoned all CON)
Management Plan: Greenway Master Plan
Description: Located just northeast of Split Rock Conservation Area, this park connects the smaller drainage creeks in west Gainesville to Hogtown Creek through a very large wetland ecosystem. The primary function of this wetland system is to contribute to improving the water quality of the urbanized creeks before the water flows into Hogtown Creek and then ultimately into the Floridan aquifer through Haile Sink. This park is proposed for registry listing because it was partially purchased with FCT grant funding as well for one of the greatest natural functions the exemplary habitat found on this property can provide to the citizens of Gainesville.

Legal Description: COM SW COR SEC N 1973.22 FT E 1758.73 FT POB N 66 DEG E 247.07 FT N 51 DEG E 480.23 FT E 115 FT N 44 DEG E 84.64 FT E 400 FT S 79 DEG E 368.76 FT E 295.86 FT S 3 DEG W 153 FT S 50 DEG E 185 FT S 29 DEG E 196.32 FT S 22 DEG E 206.38 FT N 77 DEG E 172.88 FT S 34 DEG E 197.43 FT N 77 DEG E 196.89 FT S 45 DEG E 119.97 FT S 15 DEG W 288.71 FT E 299.87 FT S 26 DEG E 466.40 FT TO W LINE HOLLY FOREST S/D S 914.63 FT TO SEC LINE W 1855.90 FT N 39 DEG W 2040.29 FT N 400 FT POB ALSO COM NE COR SE 1/4 WLY 1370 FT M/L S 11 DEG E 270 FT M/L S 36 DEG E 390 FT S 23 DEG E 265 FT M/L POB S 23 DEG E 106.36 FT S 44 DEG E 93.64 FT S 67 DEG W 200 FT N 33 DEG W 196.47 FT N 67 DEG E 200 FT POB ALSO COM NW COR LOT 31 GWYNN OAK PB D-23 POB N 69 DEG W 260 FT S 13 DEG W 286.60 FT E 309.87 FT N 186.60 FT POB DB 308/143 OR 22/80 (LESS COM NW COR LOT 31 POB N 69 DEG W 190.69 FT S 8 DEG E 77.50 FT S 36 DEG E 93.89 FT S 30 DEG E 118.26 FT E 50 FT M/L N 186.60 FT POB PER OR 2011/1003) ALSO COM SE COR GWYNN OAK PB D-23 W 1040 FT POB S 260 FT N 26 DEG W 467.16 FT E 210 FT S 160 FT POB ALSO COM SW COR 41 POB S 40 FT E 245 FT N 40 FT W 245 FT POB (LESS COM SW COR LOT 3) POB W 50 FT S 26 DEG E 70 FT S 40 DEG E 81.77 FT S 50 DEG E 116.13 FT E 34.75 FT N 199.89 FT W 200 FT POB PER OR 2011/1003) ALSO COM SW COR LOT 25 HOLLY FOREST PB E-44 POB S 268.70 FT E 742.56 FT N 168.70 FT W 497.56 FT N 200 FT W 245 FT POB ALSO IN SEC 10-10-19 PART OF LOTS 1 2 3 PB A-10 E OF VINTAGE VIEW PB O-3 PARCEL K/A PARCEL A SURVEY BY JOHN MEYERS) (LESS PARCEL A-1) OR 2039/2447 & OR 2960/722 & OR 1925/ 1748 & OR 1862/0196 & OR 1997/2460

**City of Gainesville, Florida
By its Board of City Commissioners**

By: _____
Craig Lowe, Mayor

ATTEST: Date: _____

By: _____
Kurt Lannon, Clerk

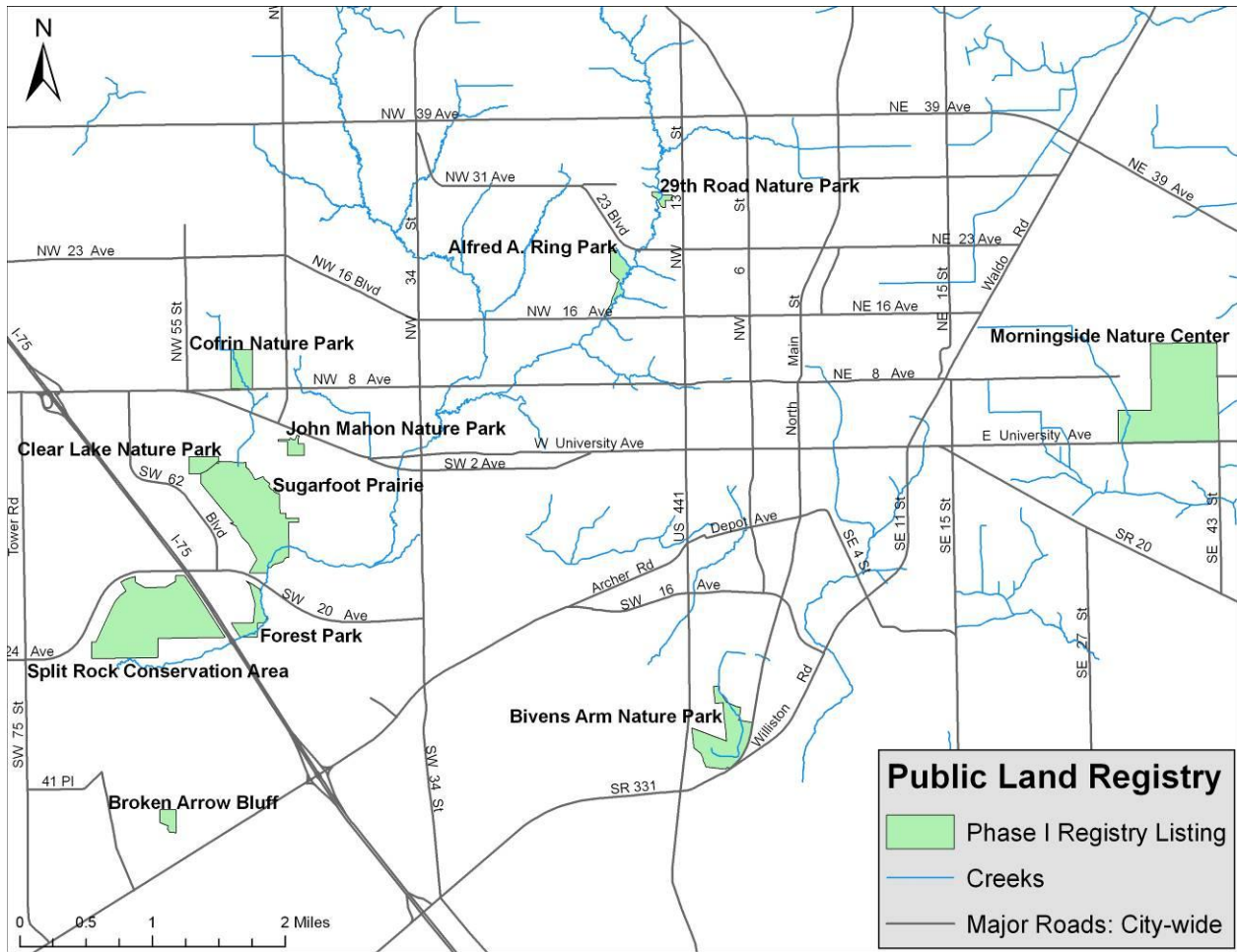
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Approved as to Form:

Marion Radson, City Attorney

APPENDIX A

Location Map of Phase I Property Listing



APPENDIX B

Acquisitions Plans for Phase I Property Listing

Acquisition Plan 29th Rd. Nature Park

Introduction

29th Road Nature Park is a 6-acre park located at 1502 NW 29th Road in Gainesville. It was acquired as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1995. Funding for acquisition of the property came from a grant from the Florida Communities Trust, a non-regulatory agency of the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include Hogtown Creek, which passes through the property, and the upland mixed forest and slope forest onsite. Plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered occur on the property.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the jointly-owned portions of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT as well as by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report, which was approved by FCT. The GAA states that the property "shall be managed only for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the GAA and the Master Plan and Management Report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose for acquiring the property, include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including upland, wetland, or creek restoration
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals
- Development of additional nature trails/boardwalks
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Alfred A. Ring Park

Introduction

Alfred A. Ring Park is a 22-acre park located at 1801 NW 23rd Boulevard in Gainesville. It was originally acquired as 2 parcels in 1985. The City of Gainesville purchased 16 acres from Kirkpatrick Builders, and Dr. Alfred A. Ring donated 6 additional acres to the City. Although not acquired with grant funds from the Florida Communities Trust, the park is considered part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway.

Acquisition Purpose

Documents from the park's formal groundbreaking in 1988 describe the park's purpose as "to provide a passive nature-oriented park which would include hiking, picnicking, nature study, historical/archaeological interpretation and related passive activities."

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include Hogtown Creek and Glen Springs Run, which pass through the property, and the floodplain and upland vegetation onsite, including some plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered. Existing recreational amenities include a trail system with boardwalks, a picnic pavilion and restrooms, a small playground structure, and a wildflower garden with water feature.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by the City of Gainesville's management plan for the park, and by restrictive covenants attached to the deed of the donated property. Although the property was not purchased as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway or with funds from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), it is considered part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway, and therefore the management of the property is also guided by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report.

Restrictive covenants attached to the deed of the donated land require the donated portions of the property be used only for "recreational and conservation purposes". The covenants permit "recreational facilities necessitated by the use of the property for passive recreation." The covenants attached to the deed of the donated property also stipulate the property "shall not be used for business, commercial, residential or any other purposes inconsistent with maintaining the property for recreation and conservation purposes."

Uses and activities that are specifically allowed or required under the management plan, the FCT master plan and management report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring this property, include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including enhancement planting of native upland plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals
- Maintenance and improvements/repairs to nature trails, boardwalks, restrooms, pavilions, and other facilities
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Bivens Arm Nature Park

Introduction

Bivens Arm Nature Park is an 81-acre park located at 3650 South Main Street. It was acquired in two phases: the southern portion was purchased in 1981 by the City, and 24 additional acres were donated to the City in 2004.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include East Tumblin Creek and two marshes. The park also contains extensive areas of upland mixed forest, including some plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered. Bivens Arm Nature Park is separated from Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park by Williston Road, and acts as a buffer for the prairie, as well as removing sediments and nutrients from urban runoff before it enters the prairie.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the original park acquisition was to provide recreational and educational opportunities for the community and to protect the land's natural features. The donation of the northern addition to the park was intended to maintain natural vegetation characteristic of the area, to provide a corridor for wildlife, and to provide opportunities for people to learn about and experience nature.

Allowable Uses

Management of Bivens Arm is governed by the park's management plan, by conditions in the donation agreement for the northern 24 acres of the park, and by a grant agreement with the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), which funded the original park development in 1985.

Uses and activities allowed or required under the park management plan, the donation agreement, or the FRDAP grant agreement include:

- Maintenance of the site as a public outdoor education area in perpetuity
- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including marsh restoration and enhancement planting of native upland plant species
- Creek restoration, subject to the conditions in the donation agreement
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, and the use of prescribed fire
- Maintenance, renovation, or other improvements to existing nature trails, boardwalks, and facilities
- Installation of trails on the northern 24 acres, subject to the terms of the donation agreement.
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Uses specifically prohibited on the northern 24 acres under the terms of the Donation Agreement include:

- Soccer fields, athletic facilities, or other "active park" facilities
- Retention, detention, or holding ponds
- Dwellings, emergency shelters, accessory uses, community residential homes, transmitter towers
- Fencing

Acquisition Plan Broken Arrow Bluff

Introduction

Broken Arrow Bluff Nature Park is an 11-acre park located at 5724 SW 46th Place in Gainesville. It was acquired as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1995. Funding for acquisition of the property came from a grant from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), a non-regulatory agency of the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include karst features, sinkhole lakes, a portion of Hogtown Prairie, and diverse upland hammock. In addition, plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered are known to occur. The property abuts Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, and is adjacent to and hydrologically connected with Alachua County's Lake Kanapaha Park.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT as well as by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report, which was approved by FCT. The GAA states that the property "shall be managed only for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the Master Plan and Management Report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring the property include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including hydrological restoration and enhancement planting of native plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, and the use of prescribed fire
- Development of nature trails or boardwalks
- Development of facilities necessary to provide the public reasonable access to learn about and enjoy the natural features of the site.
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Clear Lake Nature Park

Introduction

Clear Lake Nature Park is a 12-acre park located at 5480 SW 1st Avenue in Gainesville. It was purchased by the City of Gainesville in 1986. The park is considered part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway, although it was not acquired with grant funds from the Florida Communities Trust.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide natural resource-based recreational opportunities for the community.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include upland mixed forest, a basin marsh, and basin swamp habitat associated with Sugarfoot Prairie and Hogtown Creek. The property is contiguous with the City's Sugarfoot Prairie Conservation Area.

Allowable Uses

Although the property was not originally purchased with funds from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway, it is considered a part of the Greenway and, as such, the management of the property is guided by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report.

Uses and activities that are specifically allowed or required under the FCT master plan and management report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose for the property, include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including marsh restoration and enhancement planting of native upland plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals
- Maintenance and improvements/repairs to nature trails and boardwalks
- Development of facilities necessary to provide the public reasonable access to learn about and enjoy the natural features of the site.
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Cofrin Nature Park

Introduction

Cofrin Nature Park is a 30-acre park located at 4810 NW 8th Avenue. It consists of two parcels, with one being jointly owned by the City and Alachua County, and the other owned by the City. Funding for acquisition of the jointly-owned portions came from Alachua County Forever (ACF) and the Florida Communities Trust (FCT). Funding for acquisition of the area solely owned by the City came from FCT. Both parcels were acquired in 2003.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include Beville Creek, which passes through the property, and the natural vegetation onsite, including some plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community. FCT required the following statement to be included in the park's Management Plan:

Cofrin Nature Park will be managed only for the conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources and for public outdoor recreation that is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the site.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the jointly-owned portions of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT and by the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Alachua County, as well as by the park Management Plan, which was approved by FCT and Alachua County. The management and use of the area solely owned by the City is governed by the GAA and by the park's Management Plan. Uses of the portion of the park under joint County-City ownership are more restrictive because ACF's charter does not permit active recreational uses.

Some uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the approved management plan, or that are consistent with the City's purpose for acquiring the property include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including stream channel stabilization/restoration and enhancement planting of native upland plant species
- Development of a memorial for those affected by suicide
- Renovation of the Cofrin house to provide public interpretive center and office space for park staff
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, and the use of prescribed fire
- Development of additional nature trails/boardwalks
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan

Forest Park Conservation Area

Introduction

Forest Park Conservation Area is a 24-acre park located along Hogtown Creek between SW 20th Avenue and I-75. It was acquired as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1995. Funding for acquisition of the property came from a grant from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), a non-regulatory agency of the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include floodplain forest and floodplain swamp surrounding Hogtown Creek, the creek itself, and upland areas containing upland mixed forest. Plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered are known to occur. The property is directly downstream from Sugarfoot Prairie Conservation Area, directly upstream from Split Rock Conservation Area, and adjacent to intact floodplain habitats at Alachua County's Forest Park.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT as well as by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report, which was approved by FCT. The GAA states that the property "shall be managed only for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the Master Plan and Management Report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring the property, include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including hydrological restoration and enhancement planting of native plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals
- Development of nature trails or boardwalks
- Development of facilities necessary to provide the public reasonable access to learn about and enjoy the natural features of the site
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan John Mahon Nature Park

Introduction

John Mahon Nature Park is a 10-acre park located in the 4300 Block of West Newberry Road, adjacent to 4039 W Newberry Road, in Gainesville. It was donated to the City in 2004 after the City unsuccessfully attempted to purchase a larger parcel of which it was originally a part.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include sinkholes and diverse upland mixed forest. Plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered are known to occur.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by City's management plan for the park, as well as by certain terms and conditions attached to the deed of the property. The terms and conditions attached to the deed state that the property "shall be a conservation area in perpetuity." The management plan indicates that "John Mahon Nature Park will be managed only for the conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources and for public outdoor recreation that is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the site."

Some uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the management plan or donation agreement include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including hydrological restoration and enhancement planting of native plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals
- Development of additional nature trails, boardwalks, or overlooks
- Maintenance of or improvements to existing facilities
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Morningside Nature Center

Introduction

Morningside Nature Center is a 278-acre park located at 3540 East University Avenue in Gainesville. It was acquired in 1964 from the federal government and opened as Gainesville's first nature park in the 1970s.

Significant Features

Morningside Nature Center contains some of the region's best examples of longleaf pine flatwoods and sandhills. These natural communities are globally rare, having been reduced to less than 4% of their former extent, and are highly diverse, containing large numbers of rare and endemic species. Over 550 plant species are known to occur at Morningside, and over 30 threatened, endangered, or rare plant and wildlife species have been documented. The park also contains several wetlands which play an important role in flood control and water quality protection for the Lake Forest Creek watershed.

Acquisition Purpose

The 1964 deed from the federal government required that the property be used for public park and recreational purposes for a period of 20 years (1964-1984). The city's objectives in operating the park since the 1970s have been to protect and manage the land's natural resources, to provide nature-based recreational opportunities, and to educate the public about the area's natural and human history.

Allowable Uses

Management of Morningside Nature Center is governed by the park's management plan, which was approved by the Nature Centers Commission. Portions of the site are also governed by a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), which funded the development of the educational pavilion.

Uses and activities allowed or required under the park management plan or the FRDAP grant agreement, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring the property include:

- Environmental education programs
- Natural resource restoration, including but not limited to restoration of flatwoods and/or sandhill habitat, mechanical or chemical removal of plants not characteristic of these habitat types, planting of native plant species, and hydrologic restoration
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, and the use of prescribed fire
- Maintenance, renovation, or other improvements to existing nature trails, boardwalks, and facilities
- Maintenance of pavilion and surrounding area as a public outdoor recreation area in perpetuity
- Storage of land management equipment and supplies within the existing footprint of the maintenance facility
- Office space for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff within the footprint of existing facilities at the site
- Special events related to the mission and purpose of the park, on a limited number of days per year
- Keeping farm animals and undertaking farm-related activities within the footprint of existing living history farm facilities
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Split Rock Conservation Area

Introduction

Split Rock Conservation Area is a 241-acre park located southwest of SW 20th Avenue and I-75 in Gainesville. It was acquired as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1995. Funding for acquisition of the property came from a grant from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), a non-regulatory agency of the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include karst features, a sinkhole lake, portions of Hogtown Prairie, and extensive upland forests, including some of the last remnants of a diverse calcareous hammock known as Sugarfoot Hammock. In addition, plant and animal species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered are known to occur. The property is separated from Forest Park Conservation Area by I-75, and is adjacent and hydrologically connected to Alachua County's Lake Kanapaha Park.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT, as well as by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report and the Split Rock Conservation Area Management Plan, which was approved by the Nature Centers Commission and FCT. The GAA states that the property "shall be managed only for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Some uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the GAA, Management Plan, or Master Plan and Management Report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring the property include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including hydrological restoration and planting of native plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, the use of prescribed fire, and mowing Hogtown Prairie to prevent encroachment of woody vegetation
- Development of facilities necessary to provide the public reasonable access to learn about and enjoy the natural features of the site
- Maintenance and improvements to existing trails and facilities
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property

Acquisition Plan Sugarfoot Prairie Conservation Area

Introduction

Sugarfoot Prairie Conservation Area is a 195-acre park located at 4415 Clear Lake Road in Gainesville. It was acquired as part of the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1995. Funding for acquisition of the property came from a grant from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), a non-regulatory agency of the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Significant Features

Noteworthy features of the park that justified its acquisition include Hogtown Creek and associated wetlands. In addition to floodplain swamp, the property encompasses the wetland known as Sugarfoot Prairie in its entirety, as well as small areas of diverse upland hammock. Plant species listed by the State of Florida as Threatened or Endangered occur onsite.

Acquisition Purpose

The purpose of the park's acquisition was to protect the natural features of the park and to provide natural-resource-based recreational opportunities for the community.

Allowable Uses

The management and use of the park are governed by the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) between the City and FCT as well as by the Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Plan and Management Report, which was approved by FCT. The GAA states that the property "shall be managed only for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and historical resources and for passive, natural resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Project Site, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose."

Uses and activities specifically allowed or required under the Master Plan and Management Report, or that are consistent with the City's purpose in acquiring this property, include:

- Environmental education programs
- Restoration of natural resources, including hydrological restoration and enhancement planting of native plant species
- Natural resource management, including but not limited to removal/treatment of invasive non-native plants and animals, and the use of prescribed fire
- Development of nature trails or boardwalks
- Development of facilities necessary to provide the public reasonable access to learn about and enjoy the natural features of the site.
- Subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, utilities as needed for park or other city-owned property development, or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city-owned property